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March 2019

# Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

Looking forward seeing many of you at this weekend's 4-H Day events. (Hopefully the weather cooperates this time!)

We have a great group of 4-H'ers participating in this year's event! Way to go! Thanks to the parents and leaders who helped 4-Hers take advantage of this opportunity to grow in their skills. And thanks to all who plan to help volunteer at the event. It takes everyone working together to make great things happen! The final 4-H Day schedule is posted and the event results will be posted on the website soon after the conclusion of the event. Those who receive Top Blues will represent Ellis Co. at Regionals in Hays on March 29. Good Luck!

As always, if you have questions, don't hesitate to give us a call!

Yours in 4-H,

**Susan Schlichting**

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District Extension Agent – 4-H Youth Development



## Meetings Coming Your Way

4-H Ambassadors – Sunday, March 10 – Back Meeting Room, 2 pm

Remember, **Deadlines are Deadlines** in **Ellis Co. 4-H**.

Please pay attention to and respect those deadlines so that your child doesn't miss out on an opportunity! We do offer many ways for you to contact our office. See below.

### Ways to Contact Us

- We make a drop box available in the front of the Extension Office for your convenience.
- You can reach the 4-H Office Voice Mail at (785) 628-9430 ext. 14
- Extension Office fax # is (785) 621-2002
- [sschlich@ksu.edu](mailto:sschlich@ksu.edu)

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

**March 8** – Graduating Senior Scholarships Due in Extension Office  
**March 8** – Bring Home Baked Cookies – Individually Wrapped to the Ext. Office  
**March 11** – Register for KSU Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day  
**March 11** – Register for 4-H Judge's Training  
**March 15** – Sign up for NW 4-H Super Saturday Project Workshops  
**March 22** – Last day to register for Regional 4-H Day  
**April 1** – Heart of KS Camp Counselor Aps Due  
**April 1** – KSU Animal Science Leadership Academy Aps Due to KSU  
**April 1** – Register for Foods Judge's Training  
**May 1** – Last Day to Make Changes to Your 4-H Enrollment for 2019  
**May 1** – 4-H Horse ID Papers Due in Ext. Office  
**May 1** – Registered Breeding Livestock in name of 4-H'er  
**May 1** – Register for 4-H Discovery Days (open now)  
**May 1** – Heart of KS 4-H Camp Registrations Due  
**May 2** – Bucket Calf & Commercial Breeding Heifer forms due in Ext. Office

## WINTER WEATHER & 4-H ACTIVITIES

Our policy is that if school cancels for weather related events, 4-H events are canceled, too. Please check our website or contact the person in charge before traveling in, if you are in doubt about the status of an event.

### 4-H Day is Rescheduled to Sunday, March 10 – O'Loughlin Elementary - Hays

We've rescheduled 4-H Day to this coming Sunday. [Check out the website](#) for the latest information, rules, etc.

### 4-H On-line Enrollment

Hopefully by now, you have gone on and completed your family profile and enrolled your members on-line. Remember, you can make changes to your enrollments until May 1.



### 4-H Cookie Thank You Project

Ellis Co. 4-H will hold the annual Cookie Thank You project in March. Each club will need to donate 11 dozen homemade cookies, **wrapped individually**. They will be **due in the Extension Office on Friday, March 8**. You may also drop them by on Sunday, March 10 at the time we're making the baskets.

Due to the increased number of donors, 4-H Ambassadors will need help in making deliveries. If you are able to help with this the week of Spring Break, let the office know. This is a great opportunity to say "Thank You" to those who support 4-H in Ellis County.

### Ellis County 4-H Senior Scholarships Due March 8, 2019

By now, you should have received your copy of the application in the mail. You can apply for [Ellis County Senior 4-H Scholarships](#) through the form fill-able link on our website. **Aps are due March 8**. This year's process will also include an interview.

### 4-H Council / Ag Livestock / Home Ec, BBQ, Foodstand / Fairboard Coordination Meeting

Thanks to everyone who joined us for this year's Ellis Co. Fair Coordination meeting. We are getting everything in place for this year's Ellis Co. Fair. Be ready to "Follow the Fairground Road" to this year's event, July 14 – 21!

### SUPER 4-H SATURDAY Coming to Hays – March 23

March 23 is a day filled with great 4-H activities for the whole family! There will be 6 judging contests—**Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Livestock & Photography** for youth 7 - 18. You can judge at 1 or all of these great contests. There will be several workshops in the afternoon to help 4-H'ers explore project learning. There will be an awesome day-long NW leadership opportunity for adult volunteers at the same time.



### 4-H Leaders to Gather in Hays

Calling all 4-H Leaders! NW 4-H volunteers from across the region will be in Hays for a special opportunity on Saturday, March 23. You are invited to join the fun and sharing. The group will meet at the Ag Research Center Auditorium from 10 – 3. Come visit with KS 4-H Volunteer Specialist, Shane Potter. There is a \$5 registration fee. **Please pre-register by March 15** so that we can have plenty of food and handouts on hand.



### 4-H Quilt Project Workshops Continue

We are getting ready for the next 4-H Quilt workshop. Thanks to Tatum Kimzey for stepping up to lead these learning sessions. Sessions set for March 18, April 1, 15 and 22, 5:30 – 7 at the Ext. Office. If you would like to join this creative fun, give the Extension Office a call or contact Tatum.

### 4-H Knitting Project Workshops

We are getting ready to start knitting for the year. Thanks to Rae Smith for offering these learning opportunities. If you would like to know how to knit, come and join the fun! March 7 5 – 7 and March 11, 11 - 1, April 4 and 16 5 – 7. All meetings are at the Extension Office.

### 4-H Photography Project Workshops

Thanks to Christy Befort who is continuing to offer 4-H Photo workshops for those interested in learning some new and fun techniques to try with your camera. Upcoming dates. . . March 12, 5:30; April 18, 5:30 at the Extension Office.

### Lion's Club Pancake Tickets Due March 8!

It's that time of year. . . time to help our Friends the Hays Lion's Club sell pancake tickets. Each of us knows people who attend every year. Help the Lion's get the tickets sold AND earn a dollar from every ticket sold for your 4-H club treasury! Let's do our part to help them with this big project. **The event is Tuesday, March 12**. Tickets are **due in the Ext. Office on Friday, March 8**.

### [Livestock ID Procedures](#)

Large and Small animal ID procedures for 2019 are posted to the Ellis Co. website. Please take time to review them.

### Small Livestock Weigh-in Date Set for May 1, 6 – 8 p.m.

If you're planning to show Feeder Calves, Meat Goats, Sheep or Swine at this year's Ellis County Fair, make plans now to get your official 4-H tags and tag your project animals before the weigh-in at the Fairgrounds. Swine will continue to have to option to weigh or have their tags visually inspected. The Ellis Co. Spring Livestock Show has been set as an alternate weigh-in date on Sunday, May 5, 7 – 9 a.m. **Please call our office to let us know if you plan to use the alternate date.**

### Attention Ellis County 4-H Market Animal Participants (Large and Small Animals)

If you plan to take your 4-H market animal through the livestock sale at the Ellis County Fair, you will be required by the Ellis County Fairboard to attend a livestock marketing meeting. This meeting is set for **Sunday, March 17, 6:30 p.m.** at the Fairgrounds. Questions, contact Fairboard President, Jill Pfannenstiel or Vice President, Justin Scheck.

### Meat Goat Workshop and Livestock Judging Contest – March 23

We've added an additional class to the Saturday morning line up. Jeff Neher, Countywide Meat Goat project leader will be holding a Meat Goat Care, Selection and Showmanship Clinic from 9:30 – 11 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Albertson Hall. **Please pre-register for this class and others on the [registration form](#) by Friday, March 15.** If you plan to judge Livestock in the afternoon, it would be helpful if you registered ahead for this activity, too. Walk-ins are welcome, but you won't have to wait as long if you take the time to register now.

### [KS JR Meat Goat Producer Day](#)

Junior Meat Goat Producer Day will be hosted on Saturday, March 30, 2019 in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This one-day educational event is devoted to the selection and management of youth meat goat projects. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! K-State faculty members, graduate students, and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, meat science, nutrition, the state nomination process, herd health, reproduction, health and wellness, facilities and equipment, and showmanship.

The cost for junior meat goat producer day is \$15/person, if registration is submitted by March 11, 2019, or \$20/person after the early deadline. All attendees, including youth and adults, must register. All participants who sign up by March 11 will also receive a t-shirt. Families may register online at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>, or by downloading the flyer (<http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays>), completing the bottom portion of the flyer and mailing it, with payment, to the K-State Youth Livestock Program.

An optional instructor-led YQCA session will also be held at the conclusion of the program. Those who indicate they would like to participate in the optional YQCA certification will receive additional details and instructions via email in late March. The junior producer day fee does not include the cost of the YQCA class; families will need to sign up through the YQCA site and pay the \$3.00 separately.

### Science of Agriculture Challenge Coming to Kansas 4-H

It's a hands-on learning experience to inspire the next generation of agriculture leaders in Kansas. Teams of 3-5 youth in grades 6-12 work with volunteer coaches and mentors to create projects and develop solutions. As a team, you'll identify agriculture-related issues in your community, find solutions and share your projects with your community. Each summer, teams present their ideas to a panel of industry expert judges at a state competition. Each member of the top three teams receives a scholarship! **If you'd like to be part of a team, give the Extension Office a call.**

### [K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy](#)

The eighth annual K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy will be held in June 2018 at Kansas State University's campus. This four-day event focuses on increasing knowledge of Kansas's diverse livestock industry, as well as building participant's leadership skills. Twenty high school students will be selected to participate based upon educational, community, and agricultural involvement. The event is sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council. More information and applications will be on the website, [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu). **Aps due April 1, 2019.**



### [4-H HORSE ID PAPERS DUE MAY 1](#)

Horse ID papers are available at the Extension Office or on line at [kansas4-h.org](http://kansas4-h.org). You have to have these papers completed and on **file with our office by May 1** in order to show at 4-H sanctioned horse shows. Now's the time to get the photos taken and the forms filed with the Extension Office.



ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2018 is set for July 13 - 20, 2019.  
The Theme is "Follow the Fairground Road"

### Ellis County Fair Volunteers Needed

We have posted an on-line form that you can complete to let us know how you'd like to help. Older 4-H'ers and interested adults are encouraged to join our "team" in getting things ready for this year's Fair. [Here's the link to the on-line form.](#) Once again, all clubs will be asked to recruit volunteers to help with a variety of jobs at the Fair, as well. Watch for that listing coming your way soon.

### Fairbook Changes

- ✓ Computer Systems classes added to match KSF classes
- ✓ Robotics guidelines revised to meet KSF standards
- ✓ Rocketry guidelines revised to meet KSF standards
- ✓ Breeding Beef class revised
- ✓ Entomology classes revised to meet KSF standards
- ✓ Foods / Nutrition – no bake cookies using flour are considered "perishable" – revised to meet KSF standard

The 2019 Ellis Co. Fairbook will be available on line and in print for 4-H families coming soon.

### Fair Judge's Trainings Coming to Great Bend – March 16 & April 6

Have you ever thought about becoming a County Fair Judge?? If so, now's your chance to get trained and ready to go!

[March 16 – Registrations Due March 11](#)

Training in Visual Arts – Fiber Arts – Notebooks, Posters, Displays – Clothing Construction – Photography

[April 6 – Registrations Due April 1](#)

Training in Foods



### 4-H Camp Here WE Come!

4-H Camp will be held June 10-14 at Rock Springs 4-H Center! Get ready to have fun exploring streams, riding horses, canoeing, swimming, and much more! Start asking your clubs now for financial support to attend. **Registrations are due May 1.**

**Camp Scholarship Aps for 4-H Camp and other trips are due April 1.** These will soon be posted on the [4-H Forms Page](#) of the Ellis Co. 4-H website.

We are also looking for enthusiastic teens 15 & older to serve as counselors. Applications will soon be posted on the Ellis Co. website on the [Camp Central](#) page. They are **due in the Ellis Co. Extension Office April 1.** Consider this awesome leadership opportunity.

### Campference

Too old to go to 4-H Camp, but you love camp? **Campference is for YOU!** It's held at Rock Springs, June 24 – 26. Campference is a cross between Camp and a Leadership Conference for 12 – 14 year old 4-H members. Registration will open soon on the [State 4-H](#) website. Register quickly, as spaces fill quickly. There's been a long waiting list the last 3 years! Don't miss out!

[Discovery Days](#) at KSU May 29 – May 31 – register on [Kansas 4-h.org](#) **now until April 15.**



### Teen and Adult Training

If you are a 4-H member (12-19-years-old), parent, or volunteer 4-H leader, here's a great training opportunity for you in the areas of rocketry and unmanned aerial systems (drones). The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Action Team, Kansas 4-H Youth Development and KSU Polytechnic in Salina are

co-sponsoring a Kansas 4-H SpaceTech training on **Saturday, April 27**, at the KSU Polytechnic Campus, College Center Conference Center, 2310 Centennial Road, Salina, KS 67401. Participants will get to attend two in-depth entry level workshops repeated in the afternoon: rocketry and unmanned aerial systems (drones). [Register Here by April 15.](#) Learn more at the [Kansas 4-H SpaceTech page.](#)

The registration fee of \$25.00 includes lunch, breaks, two workshops, workshop materials and training team costs.





### March 1 Deadline for Hosting Japanese, Norwegian and Costa Rican 4-H'ers

Families wishing to host a Norwegian or Costa Rican teen 4-H'er or one of their chaperones through the States' 4-H International Exchange Program should **complete the on line application by March 1, 2019**. These applications may be accessed through the Kansas 4-H web site on a link titled "[2019 Electronic Host Family Application Process Link](#)". If families have hosted previously through a States' 4-H Exchange, they may be able to update just the fields needed without re-entering previous information. This process continues to be available for those wishing to host a Japanese youth or chaperone in 2019.

### Summer Intern Opportunities

If you have completed 4 semesters of college and would like to experience what life is like in an Extension Office during the summer, we have several opportunities for you to apply for. Cottonwood Extension District is looking for two energetic students to intern in our Hays and Great Bend offices this summer. The complete position description is posted front and center on the [www.Cottonwood.ksu.edu](http://www.Cottonwood.ksu.edu) front page. Help us spread the word to find great candidates for these two opportunities! **Applications close March 25.**



### Are you interested in Alpha of Clovia?

Heading to K-State in the Fall? Know someone who is? Alpha of Clovia 4-H Cooperative Living House is the premier housing destination for current and former 4-H students attending Kansas State University. Established by 4-H alumnae in 1931, Clovia seeks to create a network of college students with the same values and work ethic while also helping alleviate the pressure of funding a college education by providing an alternative to the dorms or off-campus living. As a cooperative house, Clovia relies on its members to be

responsible for the everyday functions of the house, such as cooking and cleaning. Each girl takes an even amount of the responsibilities, carefully scheduled so that school continues to be a priority. As a house, Clovia hosts social events and community service events throughout the course of the year to strengthen the bonds we have with each other. Above all, Clovia promotes an attitude of scholarship by requiring our members to maintain a 2.65 GPA.

We refer to Clovia as "one of the best kept secrets of Kansas," but we want to share our house with you. If you, or someone you know may be interested in learning more about Clovia, we encourage you to reach out to us. Our primary form of contact is through email at [alphaofclovia@gmail.com](mailto:alphaofclovia@gmail.com). We can also be found at [www.alphaofclovia.org](http://www.alphaofclovia.org), or on Facebook [www.facebook.com/alphaofclovia/](https://www.facebook.com/alphaofclovia/). If you would like a sneak peak of the house, check out our [3-D photo tour of Clovia](#). Feel free to come visit next time you are in Manhattan, call ahead at 785-320-7970, or just drop in. We'd love to give you a tour. Our address is 1200 Pioneer Lane, Manhattan, KS 66502. In the spirit of our 4-H roots, we'd love to help you continue "To Make the Best Better."



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